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Disaster Preparedness Training Available FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dane County residents who would like to learn how to be prepared to respond to emergencies in their communities are invited to attend a free training course. Wisconsin Emergency Management is now accepting registrations for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course scheduled for July 22-24, 2005.

The CERT program teaches citizens how to not only help their families be better prepared for emergencies, but also how to assist their neighbors when emergencies or disasters strike. CERT is a national training that prepares citizens to respond in both man-caused and natural disasters.

The CERT Program involves a series of modules which will be held from Friday, July 22 through Sunday, July 24, 2005. The class includes presentations, discussions, and hands on experience on topics ranging from disaster preparedness to fire suppression, first aid, and search and rescue. Using their training, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event and can take a more active role in preparing their community.

This class will be held at the Madison Area Technical College's Fire Training Building, 1954 Pearson St., Madison, WI on Friday, beginning July 22 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Registration is free but space is limited.

Registration forms are available on the Wisconsin Emergency Management Website at <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov>. For further information contact Margie Welsh at (608) 242-3222 or e-mail at margie.welsh@dma.state.wi.us.

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